



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

September 8, 2019

What We're Learning This Week

"ELIJAH AT MOUNT CARMEL" **1 KINGS 18-19**

The people who worshiped the false god Baal danced and cried out for hours to show that they loved Baal. But the one true God is not like the false gods. We do not have to work hard to show God we love Him. Instead, He showed His love for us by sending His Son, Jesus. Jesus died to rescue us from sin, and He hears us when we cry out to Him.

Questions to Ask, Conversation Starters, and Helping to Apply The Truths to Our Kids' Lives

Remember: this guide is meant to help facilitate conversations and engagement with Jesus throughout the week, so don't feel like you need to do this all in one day!

BEFORE WE MEET TOGETHER ON SUNDAY

- Continue conversations as a family regarding the lesson from last Sunday, where we learned that God miraculously provided through Elijah to give food to the widow and life to the widow's son. Many years later, God miraculously provided through His own Son, Jesus. Jesus is greater than Elijah. In Jesus, God provides salvation and life to everyone who trusts in Him. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through 1 Kings 18-19. Pray and ask God to reveal Himself to you + for wisdom in how to best shepherd and disciple your kids through this Scripture in the next week.

AFTER WE MEET TOGETHER ON SUNDAY

Discipleship Through Scripture and Conversation

- Talk to your kids about the Bible story that they learned at church. Ask them to explain what they learned/what stuck out to them in the story, and expand upon the truths of the Bible that they are bringing up.
- Continue the conversation with your kids on Sunday and throughout the week. Some helpful conversations this week could be:
 1. The people who worshipped the false god cried and danced for hours to no avail. Elijah prayed and asked God to reveal Himself to the people, and God send fire from the sky.

- What was different about how these two groups approached their god?
 - What can we learn about the power of prayer and union with God from this story?
 - How does the truth that God comes down to His people (not people working to reach God) change how we live? What does it say about who God is?
2. The false God Baal had no power; only God - the one true God - has power to help and to save people.
- How is the one true God different than false gods like Baal?
 - Do we have to work to show God we love Him? Why is this answer so different than any other faith or worship?
 - How has God showed His love for the world?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray and thank God that He came to us, not the other way around.
- Ask each member of your family - adults included - to share one thing they would like prayer over. Have someone to pray for that person's request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.
- Take time to pray independently for your children, for God to do his mighty work in their hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Discipleship through modeling/action

- Follow up throughout the week about the things you discussed
 - Set up rhythms to practice receiving in gratitude from God.
- Pursue discipleship in your own life. Read Scripture, pray fervently, invest into community, and more. Model the ways of Christ as an example to your kids.

Our Memory Verse for This Unit

OUR MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT (ENTITLED "ELIJAH AND ELISHA") IS ISAIAH 42:8

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*
 - "I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols."
- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
 - "I am the LORD...my glory I give to no other."

While we are helping the kids engage with this Scripture on Sundays through fun activities and time together, we really encourage you to take time to continue to engage with the memorization of this Scripture at home. As always, the hope is not to have our kids simply know a lot of Scripture, but to engage in God's Word and allow Him to use it to transform the hearts of our kids!

What's Coming Up?

- Stay connected by joining the [RLA Kids page on RLA Connect](#)
- Want weekly updates and occasional texts about special announcements? Text the word "Kids" to 323.859.1122. It really helps in preparing for Sunday and the rest of the week!

We Want to Know and Serve You Better!

We love hearing from you! You can email kids@realityla.com at any time with any thoughts, questions, or concerns. We also love to be praying with and alongside you, so please send those over as well.